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SUBJ: COMMUNIST WORKER INVADE TELEVISION STUDIO IN
SUPPORT OF CONCORDE

1. SOME 50 COMMUNIST WORKERS FROM AEROSPATIALE INVADED THE TELEVISION STUDIO OF TF I JULY 21 JUST BEFORE THE 8 P.M. EVENING NEWS, UNDER THE BANNER OF "CONCORDE TO NEW YORK" AND DEMANDING THAT NEWSCASTER ROGER GICQUEL ALLOW PRESENTATION OF A COMMUNIQUE ENTITLED "NO TO THE AMERICAN REFUSAL". GICQUEL REFUSED, BUT THE PROGRAM WAS DELAYED SOME TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE DEMONSTRATORS COULD BE CLEARED FROM THE STUDIO. TF I ANNOUNCED AT 8:30 THAT IT HAD REFUSED TO BOW TO THIS INTERABLE PRESSURE AND THAT IT "PROTESTED THIS ATTACK AGAINST THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION". HUMANITE HEADLINE JULY 22 READS: "CONCORDE BANNED FROM TELEVISION--TF I REFUSED TO ALLOW DEFENDERS OF THE FRENCH SUPERSONIC TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES".

2. COMMENT: THE PCF MANEUVER, SUPPOSEDLY ORGANIZED INDEPENDENTLY BY THE COMMUNIST WORKERS INVOLVED, HAS MET WITH GENERALLY ADVERSE PUBLIC REACTION DUE TO AGGRESSIVE NATURE OF OCCUPATION OF STUDIO. PCF ITSELF IS ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN ACTION BY ARGUING LACK OF GOF ACTION ON CONCORDE

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FRONT AND RIGHT OF WORKERS, AS OPPOSED TO THOSE IN POWER, TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES ON RADIO AND TELEVISION. NONETHELESS, THE INCIDENT IS NOT LIKELY TO WIN THE PCF MUCH FAVOR AND WILL BE EXPLOITED TO THE HILT BY THE GOF (MATIGNON HAS ALREADY CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE AFFAIR) AS AN EXAMPLE OF PCF IRRESPONSIBILITY AND DESIRE TO EXPLOIT "THE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR PARTISAN ENDS". IT

HAS ALREADY CAUSED SOME EMBARRASSMENT TO THE PS, WHICH
ISSUED A STATEMENT CONTESTING THESE "COMMANDO
OPERATIONS". HARTMAN

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